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COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Held at CIA Headquarters
Langley, Virginia
7 October 1969

1. The 13th meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee of the USIB Security Committee was held on 7 October 1969 between 1330 and 1620 hours in Room 4E-64, CIA Headquarters Building. In attendance were:

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Mr. Richard F. Kitterman, State Member

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Mr. Thomas A. Eccleston, Army Member

Mr. Robert B. Cameron, Navy Member

Mr. William S. Donaldson, Air Force Alternate

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Mr. Raymond J. Brady, AEC Member

Lt. Col. Paul Chasteen, JCS/JCCRG Observer

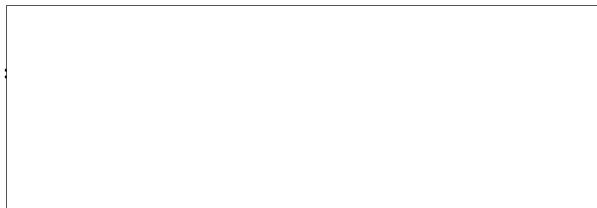
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Mr. Louis J. Martin, Army



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2. The security level of the meeting was announced as Top Secret non-codeword, except for the final agenda item (Standards for Security Classification and Dissemination Controls in Community Data Bases) which would include the COMINT level.

3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 16 September 1969 meeting were approved without amendment.

4. Degaussing of Storage Media: The Chairman reiterated his desire expressed at the previous meeting that the Subcommittee prepare a document for community distribution through the Security Committee and USIB concerning the problem of degaussing computer storage media. Such a document would define the problem; identify the reasons why its resolution is nontrivial, acknowledge its technical parameters, and provide guidance for its evaluation in specific cases. It was understood from an earlier meeting that NSA was preparing a status report on its efforts in analyzing this problem; this report will be furnished the Subcommittee upon completion, but is still in preparation. The Subcommittee document to be drafted by the Task Team established at the 16 September meeting will use this planned NSA report as technical source material. The work of the Task Team is being deferred until the latter report is released. The question of possible duplication between the two proposed documents was resolved by an explanation that whereas the NSA paper is technical in nature, the Subcommittee report is projected as a policy guidance paper.

* Attended discussion on Computer Security Training Course only.

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5. Security of Multilevel Operations: At the previous Subcommittee meeting, each member was requested to prepare a description of key security features utilized in their individual systems to enhance the integrity of files in multilevel computer operations. At the instant meeting, individual members provided brief summaries of their findings in this regard for the benefit of the Subcommittee. The Chairman requested that each member continue his research in this area and submit written resumes of such key security features prior to the next meeting, in order that these summaries may be utilized by the multilevel operations Task Team in preparing a consolidated report.

6. Computer Security Training Course: Using the briefing provided at the previous meeting on the DODCI Computer Security Course as a basis, a discussion took place at the instant meeting on the requirement for a course of this nature in the intelligence community. The discussion was guided by the question whether the DODCI Course would satisfy the specific needs of individual agencies in terms of content and its ability to handle in large numbers those people each agency might like to train. The discussion also included consideration of the alternative of the intelligence community's developing its own course for its own needs.

7. Early in the discussion it was pointed out that the DODCI Course is to be repeated from 3 to 7 November 1969. Several Subcommittee members indicated a desire to attend the DODCI Course. In order to permit a deeper discussion of the utility of the DODCI Course in fulfilling community requirements, it was agreed to postpone further discussion of this issue to permit several Subcommittee members to attempt enrollment at the 3-7 November running of the Course. In the meantime members were requested to give further consideration to the topic.

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intelligence community and would be unable to identify the specific agency controlling it.

12. Members were requested to report this situation to their individual agencies and to be prepared to discuss a community action in its regard at the next Subcommittee meeting. Individual staffing should identify whether each agency is concerned about the "problem" and secondly, whether the suggested solution is acceptable to them. The Chairman announced his hope that a committee position on the matter can be achieved, and that the "problem" will be resolved through [] discussion.

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13. Standards for Security Classifications and Dissemination Controls in Community Data Bases: The Chairman raised this item for discussion on the basis of a memorandum he had recently received from the COINS Project Manager and a discussion at a recent COMIREX Working Group meeting. With the advent of a community network of computers provided by the COINS operation, as well as the projected exchange of computer based files in the COMIREX environment, the problem of standardizing security classification and dissemination control indicators has become a priority issue. The Chairman outlined that whereas tradition and regulations have developed basic procedures for identifying the security level of information generated in hard copy form, no such standard exists for computer based material.

14. The problem is essentially one of specifically identifying the security level of individual data elements within a multilevel file or system.

15. The Chairman indicated that he had had brief discussions of the problem with the Chairman, IHC Support Staff in which he suggested that it probably should be addressed jointly by the Computer Security Subcommittee and the Intelligence Information Handling Committee. Subcommittee members were asked to consider this problem of developing uniform standards for security classification/ dissemination control indicators for data bases so that a meaningful discussion could be had at the next meeting.

16. The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 1330 hours on 28 October 1969.

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